

SB 206 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Whisnant

House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development

Action Date: 05/23/17

Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Alonso Leon, Bynum, Clem, Johnson, Reardon, Reschke, Sollman, Whisnant

Exc: 1 - Heard

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows community college boards to authorize compensation for faculty members from private or public resources including, but not limited to, consulting, appearances, speeches and intellectual property. Specifies boards may choose not to authorize compensation that does not comport with mission of community college or that substantially interferes with faculty member's community college duties. Specifies compensation is considered official compensation and not an honorarium, and requires faculty member to report potential conflicts of interest in writing. Requires boards to adopt standards governing faculty employment outside community college work.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Alignment of community college and university faculty access to certain compensation benefits
- Public university statute governing faculty compensation and history of institutional board implementation
- Conflict of interest questions concerning assignment of class textbook for which faculty is being paid royalties

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Per state ethics laws, community college faculty can earn no more than \$50 per year per source from professional activities resulting from their position as an instructor. ORS chapter 244, Oregon's ethics law, prohibits public officials from using or attempting to use their official position or office to obtain a financial gain or avoid financial detriment if that opportunity would otherwise not be available but for their holding the position as public officials.

Senate Bill 206-A contains identical language to an existing university faculty compensation statute, ORS 352.232, which has been in place since 1989. Senate Bill 206-A would extend the same compensation rights that university faculty currently have to community college instructors.